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PRELIMINARY EMBASSY THINKING ON GENERAL SUBJECT/COUNTER-
MEASURES/WAS CONTAINED EMBASSY DESPATCH 1018, JANUARY 7, 1959.
IN VIEW COMPLEXITY THIS SUBJECT, FOLLOWING ARE INITIAL COMMENTS
AS REQUESTED REFTEL PENDING RECEIPT TEXT WORKING-LEVEL PAPER AND
FURTHER CONSIDERATION:

EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE MUST BE DISTINCTION BETWEEN MEASURES
DIRECTED AGAINST ALLIED ACCESS, ON ONE HAND, AND THOSE AGAINST
WEST GERMAN ACCESS, ON OTHER. WE ASSUME QUESTION SOVIET MEASURES
HINDERING OR CUTTING OFF WEST GERMAN ACCESS IS SEPARATE SUBJECT,
BEYOND SCOPE OF WORKING-LEVEL PAPER, AND THAT COUNTER-HARASS-
MENTS SHOULD, WE BELIEVE, BE DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST USSR.
RED REP WOULD NO DOUBT ARGUE THAT MEASURES DIRECTED AGAINST
SOVIET ZONE IN RETALIATION HARASSMENT ALLIED ACCESS WOULD INVOLVE
GRAVE DANGER OF PROVIDING EXCUSE FOR SERIOUS COMMUNIST MEASURES
AGAINST WEST BERLIN UP TO AND INCLUDING BLOCKADE OF CITY. MORE
OVER, WE THINK IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE MEASURES AGAINST SOVIET Z
BE RESERVED FOR USE IN EVENT SERIOUS MOVES AGAINST CITY.

COMMENTS RE USEFULNESS AND APPROPRIATENESS SPECIFIC MEASURES
COUNTER-ACTION IN RETALIATION FOR PARTICULAR MEASURE OF HARASS-
MENT WILL BE GIVEN AFTER RECEIPT WORKING-LEVEL PAPER TEXT.
WE FULLY AGREE, AS STATED REFTEL, THAT ANY COUNTER-HARASSMENT

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SHOULD BE UNIFIED ALLIED ACTION AND THIS SHOULD INCLUDE APPROPRIATE
STEPS BY FED REP. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE, AS
INDICATED REFTEL, OF NEED FOR ADVANCE PREPARATION, PRIOR COORDI-
TION WITH ALLIES AND SPEED OF ALLIED RETALIATION.

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